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Applicant: VAN SAARLOOS et al. Docket No.: 8257.17USWO  
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that a Notification of Acceptance be issued for the above-referenced matter. This matter entered the National Stage on May 16, 2001. The filing particulars included an unsigned Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. A Notification of Missing Requirements was subsequently mailed on June 21, 2001.

A declaration was provided to the inventors for execution. All inventors signed the document with the exception of Dr. Paul Van Saarloos. Applicants submit that due diligence was exhibited in obtaining Dr. Paul Van Saarloos's signature. In support of this assertion, Applicants enclose a signed declaration by Jeanette Elizabeth Butler, a person having first hand knowledge of the efforts to obtain Dr. Van Saarloos's signature. Applicant further submit supporting documentation relating to these efforts.

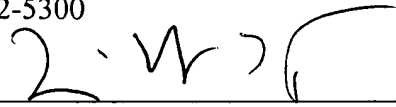
As noted in paragraph 7 of the Ms. Butler's declaration, Dr. Van Saarloos's legal counsel expressly stated that secondary matters, such as execution of the forms for the present application, would be left until the primary dispute is resolved. Applicants respectfully submit that this statement should be construed as an express refusal to execute to the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Please find enclosed the petition fee of \$130.00. Charge any other fee that may be necessary in consideration of this petition, to Merchant & Gould deposit account no. 13-2725.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Brian H. Batzli (Reg. No. 32,960), at 612.336.4755.

Respectfully submitted,  
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